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1. [] Talked with Dr. Albert Westphal, Staff Consultant, Committee on Foreign Affairs, concerning prognosis for Senate Committee action on H.R. 6277, Foreign Service Act Amendments. Dr. Westphal advised that he had learned from Carl Marcy, Chief of Staff, Committee on Foreign Relations, that the Senate Committee would not consider the bill this session. Dr. Westphal also advised that because of the comprehensive revisions in the personnel system envisaged under the bill, the bill would receive most thorough review by the Senate Committee.

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2. [] Talked with Mr. William Woodyear, Department of State, concerning H.R. 6277; and he advised that while the amendments which were adopted by the House had stolen much of the thunder from the opposition to the bill by Government employees' and veterans' organizations, the veterans' groups still feel that the dropping of veterans' preference is a significant erosion, which they will continue to fight against. Mr. Woodyear felt that the amendments calling for a voluntary transfer to the new personnel system and overseas service only on a volunteer basis for transfer employees had pretty much satisfied the Government employees' group.

In connection with obtaining annuity adjustment similar to the Civil Service Act amendments just passed, Mr. Woodyear advised that the Department would not seek to obtain a rider on the pay bill but have been pretty much promised favorable action by their Committees in the next session. He also said that they think they would be able to work out the amendment to obtain the cost-of-living adjustment on a prospective basis covering employees who retire before 1 July 1966. If they are successful, this would increase the number of employees who would retire before 1 July 1966 in order to receive higher annuities.

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12. [] Delivered to Mr. Legate, in the office of Congressman Robert C. McEwen (R., N. Y.), letter to the Congressman and suggested draft reply for the Congressman's use in responding to a constituent's letter regarding allegations that CIA promoted demonstrations against Nikita Khrushchev when he visited the U.S. in 1960. Mr. Legate was very pleased and said the draft response would be fine. In passing, he indicated that the Congressman fully understood that there was no basis in fact for this allegation.

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13. [] Met with Carl Marcy, Staff Director of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to determine the status of the Committee's action on H.R. 6277, the Foreign Service Act Amendments. Mr. Marcy said (not for publication) that the bill had not passed the House soon enough for the Senate Committee to act on it this year. He said they had asked the State Department for its comments on the bill as passed by the House. He also indicated that a number of witnesses had indicated an interest in appearing before the Senate Committee. In view of the press of other more important matters, no Committee action will be taken until early next year. He noted that Norvill Jones, of the Committee staff, will be handling this bill. I took advantage of the opportunity to advise Marcy that the Agency had a definite interest in certain sections of H.R. 6277. He suggested that we make this fact known to Jones.

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